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XAVERIAN HIGH SCHOOL



"WELL IT'S LIKE THIS SON" replies Father John Cullinane to reporter, Joe Kelly.

Fr. J. Cullinane Assumes New Counseling Position

A new but soon-to-be-familiar face around Xaverian is that of Father John Cullinane, the school's new priest counselor. Father Cullinane, who hails from Our Lady of Angels parish, is here at Xaverian every Tuesday to provide guidance for the students.

late Conception Seminary. He has also spent a year at Bishop Loughlin High School in the position of priest-counselor.

Father Cullinane has a wide educational background, which includes schooling at Fort Hamilton High School, Manhattan College, Fordham University, St. Jerome's College, and Immacu-

When asked about the value of his being in a school that already has an extensive guidance program, Father Cullinane said that he thinks many students feel more at ease with someone who is a stranger to them; and that, as a priest, he can offer a new and different approach to the boys' problems.

Concerning the guidance talks, Father Cullinane said, "My favorite question is 'What do you think of God?'" and I ask that of everyone who comes in."

Christmas Concert Spreads Spirit

Mr. William Jacques, director of Xaverian's Glee Club, conducted the Annual Christmas Concert in the school auditorium on Saturday evening, December 15. The Mary Louis Academy Glee Club of Jamaica and our own Xaverian Glee Club presented some well-known carols.

This year's concert included Beethoven's Hallelujah from the "Mount of Olives," Berlin's White Christmas, and the holiday favorite, the Twelve Days of Christmas. The "X-Perts," formerly known as the "Varsity 12," also gave a performance. The "Varsity Chorale" presented Waring's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. There were also special arrangements by each glee club.

Xaverian's "X-Perts," led by Alfred Tria, also presented four numbers at the Father-Son Sport night on December 1. They will appear again on March 15, when Xaverian's glee club sponsors the

Festival of Glee Clubs. The fest. clubs from the metropolitan tival will include several glee area.



CO-ED CHORUS: Members of the Xaverian and Mary Louis Glee Clubs rehearse for Concert.



A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year





THE WORLD OVER

As the Christmas season comes upon us, our minds dwell on the religious significance of the time and on the customs which have grown up in connection with the meaning and celebration of Christmas. This is not a local phenomenon; all over the world, a multitude of customs have come to be part of Christmas to certain people. For example:

IN FRANCE, children's shoes are put on the doorstep on Christmas Eve to be filled with gifts by Petit Noel (the Christ Child). Many families set up Nativity scenes in their homes.

IN GERMANY, some people have Christmas trees in the house for every member of the family. Many German families make their own gifts. On Christmas Eve, the traditional Bescheerung, or ceremony to light the Christmas tree, is held. Afterwards, the children receive gifts.

IN ITALY, on Christmas Eve, a religious ceremony is held around the Aesepie, a miniature scene of Bethlehem. Christmas gifts are then distributed to the adults from a large crock called the Urn of Fate. Children receive their gifts on the Epiphany.

IN POLAND, Christmas Eve begins as a strict fast; but as the first star appears, the feasting commences. A few straws are scattered on the table in memory of the stable at Bethlehem, and a chair is left vacant for the Holy Child.

IN IRELAND, a candle is lit in the window on Christmas Eve to guide the Christ Child on his way.

IN MEXICO, for nine nights before Christmas day, the Pasada, a procession representing that of Mary and Joseph, is held in each home. After the last Pasada on Christmas Eve, a social hour is held in which the Piñta, a decorated crock filled with gifts and candy and hung in the air, is broken by a blindfolded child with a stick.

In dwelling on these customs, it is a remarkable thing to note that all this pomp and pageantry derives itself from an event that happened in obscurity; an event that was almost totally unnoticed by humanity; an event that seemingly had little significance for the world: this was the birth of a Child in a stable in Bethlehem!

★ Keep Christ In Christmas ★

THE HOLLOW MEN

Sociologists tell us that because of the many advances of women into positions and occupations that were formerly considered the sole realm of males, men have undertaken to reassert their masculinity. Apparently these researchers have never visited high schools. Contrary to the trend, some students seem to be showing a definite partiality to modes and grooming that must be classified as effeminate.

When children are very young, the girls are dressed in pink. By the time these children reach high school, the story changes. Now it is not an uncommon occurrence to see boys wearing pink shirts and socks. This is probably a little unfair. It would certainly be iniquitous to say that most of the students attire themselves in pink; after all, many choose such equally masculine colors as orange, lavender and turquoise.

Why boys pick such loud colors is no mystery; they think these outfits tend to compliment their appearance. This is absurd. Looking like an accident in a paint shop never helps anyone; it produces just the opposite effect. How can one have a successful interview or conversation if his voice is drowned out by

the racket his clothes are making?

Other aspects of manly dress are the ridiculous-looking slacks and shoes that many students are wearing. None of us would think of wearing Bermuda shorts to school, but some are coming awfully close. Besides being too high, many slacks are also a little on the tight side. This would be eliminated if the students could remember one simple fact: girls wear capri pants, not boys. As for the shoes, if some of them do not have their points dulled, they might be classified as lethal weapons.

Unfortunately, effeminacy is not confined to modes of dress; it is also painfully obvious in some of the students' haircuts. The handbook outlaws square-backs and d.a.'s; so the students have turned to nurturing their forelocks, coming up with twists that would make girls envious. Foreheads have disappeared, and now there is little indication that they will soon return.

We are not condemning new or continental styles. However, it should be remembered that all styles must be tempered by taste and discretion; and extremes are always to be avoided. *Virtus stat in medio*, and so does tasteful dressing.

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Singing Sisters Swing And Sway

by Kenneth Tomecki

The main highlight of the Annual Father - Son Night held at Xaverian on December 1 was the performance of a well-known singing trio, the Kane Sisters. The affair, presented by the Xaverian Circle and directed by its moderator, Brother Leroy, and its general chairman, Mr. Nicholas Marino, offered a varied and novel program of lively entertainment.

The Kane Sisters, commonly called the Kane Triplets, amazed their audience with their singing qualities. They sang lively, forceful tunes such as, "Goody Goody," "Ragtime Cowboy Joe," and "The Hucklebuck." Their striking imitations of the Lennon Sisters and Lawrence Welk were especially amusing. The girls' imitation of the McGuire Sisters was a dedication to that singing group which sponsored the girls' start and eventual rise in show business.

McGuire Sisters Help

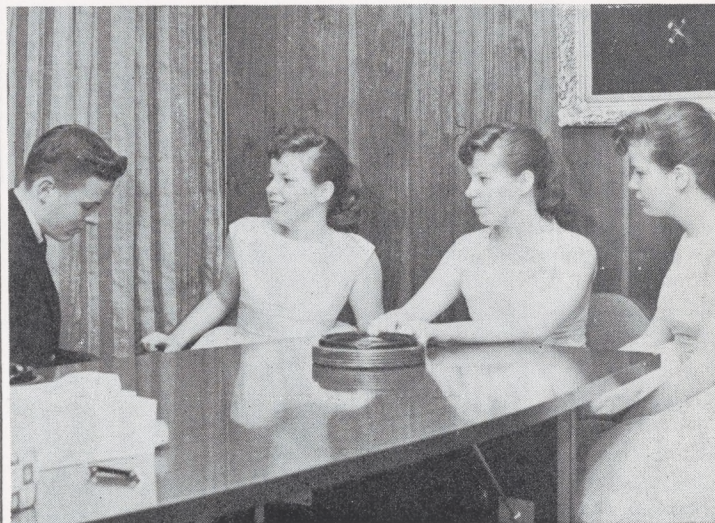
Through the sister's discovery by the McGuire Sisters, the Kane Sisters were thus able to make full use of their singing abilities. They have appeared at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas and have recently completed an engagement at the Gold Nugget in Reno, Nevada. They have also

appeared on the Perry Como Show and the Ed Sullivan Show; and another appearance has been scheduled for December on the Ed Sullivan Show.

At the age of fourteen, the three girls, Maureen, Jeanne, and Lucille, enjoy dancing, swimming, music, and boys. Their response to their most thrilling experience was a mutual "meeting Ricky Nelson." Upon their departure, their final impression of Xaverian was, "It's beautiful."

Other Highlights

There were other highlights on the program. Gilbert the Magician kept his audience on the edge of their seats with his amazing card tricks. Bobby Carroll, the King of the Banjo, played old-time favorites. Toni Sands, female vocalist, sang selections



THE KANE SISTERS engage in friendly conversation with John McGonigle, after their performance at the Father - Son Night held at Xaverian recently.

from the Broadway play, "Wildcat." Jack London, the famed pickpocket, thrilled the audience with his comical and amusing antics of lifting wallets and watches. Amateur demonstrations were also presented by a small combo, "The Star-lites," and "The X-Perts." Frank Brennan and Danny Sullivan were entertaining as the evening's Masters of Ceremonies.

Judging from the favorable impressions left by the show, Brother Leroy remarked that the variety show will probably permanently replace the sports night.

Poconos Excursion

Brightens Holiday

For the third consecutive year, a student trip to the Pocono Mountains will be held. Formerly a Sodality function, the trip has been extended to the entire student body this year, and will take place on December 26. Following the 6:30 Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, the group will proceed to Mount Airy Lodge by bus. They will spend the day in winter sports, returning to school at approximately midnight.

Senior College Boards Held At Xaverian

The College Boards were held Saturday, December 1, at Xaverian. The examination consisted of aptitude tests in the morning and achievement tests, including a writing sample, in the afternoon. Many colleges require that applicants for admission take one or more of these tests. The student's score, ranging from 200 to 800, added with his school record, offers college admission offices a good picture of the student's academic ability.



THE X-PERTS, members of the Glee Club, vocalize at the Father - Son Night.

RETREAT HOUSES HOST SENIORS

Gonzaga Retreat House in Monroe, New York, and Manresa Retreat House in Ridgefield, Connecticut, will host members of Xaverian's senior class on the third annual closed retreat, scheduled from February 28 to March 3. The retreatants will be afforded time for prayer and other spiritual exercises, enabling them to see their lives in a new perspective. The Jesuit Fathers will conduct the retreat, which is designed especially for high school seniors. The cost of the trip, including board and transportation, is \$21. Brother Bonaventure is in charge of reservations.

Gonzaga has the distinction of being the first retreat house founded especially for youth, and it has attracted more than 25,000 high school students in its first decade. Approximately 110 seniors will make the retreat either at Gonzaga or Manresa.

CLIPPER Staff Plans '63 Edition

Quietly encamped in its new headquarters on the cafeteria stage, the yearbook staff is diligently working on the 1963 edition of *The Clipper*. A September distribution date is planned, and only those students who have sold ten chancebooks in the recent Raffle Drive will be entitled to receive a copy.

The editor this year is Frank Schneider. He is being assisted by Vin Maligno, Sal Monaco,

Frank Termini, Ron Monaco, Gerry Hayes, and Anthony Provenzano. Other members of the staff include Mario Porazzi, Ed Savarese, Mike Milmoie, Ron Palmese, and Larry Petrillo. Brother Dean serves as moderator.

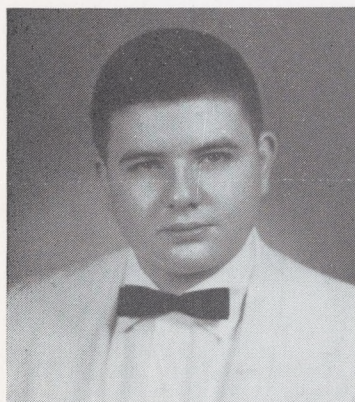


CLIPPER EDITORS and Moderator, Brother Dean, discuss the planning of the yearbook with publisher, Mr. Schmeelk.

Believing in students' rights, the staff has decided to give less room to the faculty section so that more emphasis can be placed on student activities. An increase in dual-color photographs will be one of the highlights of the '63 *Clipper*. Several full-color pictures will also be included. Many of the old-style group photos will be replaced wherever possible by smaller action pictures.

On the prospects of the '63 *Clipper*, Brother Dean says, "The staff is very eager, but the work is very hard. I hope their zeal continues."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

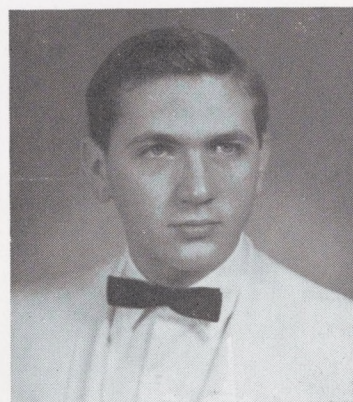


John Simon

One of the best known faces around school is that of John Simon. A high-ranking student for four years, John is treasurer of the Leo Honor Society, assistant editor of *The X-Press*, a prominent member of the Chess Club, and a National Merit semi-finalist. He lists as primary interests reading, chess, and horse-racing. After graduation, John hopes to major in history at Boston College.

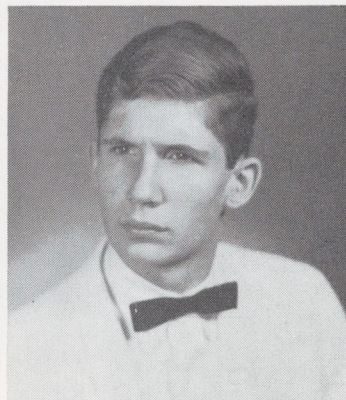
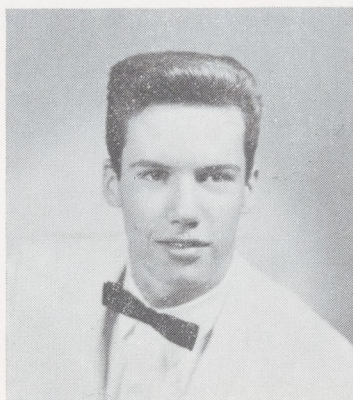
Adam Csoeke-Poeckh -

One of the most science-minded students in Xaverian High School is Adam Csoeke-Poeckh of 4A. A four year member of the Sodality, Adam also figures prominently in the membership of the Chess Club, the Math Club, and the Leo Honor Society. He lists as his greatest interests ice-skating, cycling, and physics. After graduation, he hopes to major in theoretical physics in college.



Bob Fleming

One of the most influential men in SAC is Bob Fleming, first vice-president. Bob is also co-captain and veteran member of the track team, and a member of the Sodality. Bob, who is from St. Ephrem's parish, lists music and dancing as his favorite pastimes. After graduation, he plans to attend Fordham University and major in chemistry.



Don Pratt

Since he entered Xaverian four years ago, Don Pratt of Saint Bernadette's has been an all-around athlete. For two years he concentrated on basketball, but last year he also became known as an expert high-jumper. Last June, Don finished third in the City Championships with a leap of six feet, three and one-half inches. Don hopes to attend Fordham University.



Edward Ricci, Richard Jaeger, Charles Hadlock, and Robert O'Sullivan, view recent trophies with coach, Brother Meric.



"COME ON, START THE MUSIC!" Mike Milmoie, Frank Obermaier and their dates anxiously await the next dance.

Rykenites Win Contests "Yacht Party" Planned

On December 8, the Rykenites once again demonstrated their ability to destroy the hopes of the opposition. While competing against 88 schools, Xaverian's speakers and debaters combined efforts at St. John's University and brought home the first place school trophy.

Richard Jaeger led the onslaught by winning first place in extempore speech and also a full four-year scholarship to St. John's. This is the second time Rich has won this scholarship, having placed first in this same contest last year.

Michael Creed led the way in original oratory by taking a finalist trophy, while the debate team, consisting of Edward Ricci and Robert O'Sullivan, demonstrated its mastery by placing second.

Xaverian has done exceedingly well at this contest, snatching first place twice and second place once in the past three years.

On November 23, Pittsburg was the scene of a contest in which 41 schools participated. The Rykenites captured first place in the speech division, led by Richard Jaeger, Bob O'Sullivan, Charles Hadlock, taking first, second and third in extemp, respectively, and Henry Nocella, placing third in original oratory.

Sodality Helps Families

The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which has become a Xaverian tradition, again reached a successful climax. The drive was under the supervision of Brother Melvin, moderator of the Sodality, who was assisted by Brothers Venard, Benedictus, and DeMontfort, and by members of the Sodality. Contributions came in slowly at first, but the efforts of the class representatives finally brought results. The leaders in donations of canned goods were classes 1B, 2D, and 3F, and 1A. Led by classes 1E, 2J, and 2F, the students contributed a total of \$454.05. Forty turkeys, fruit cakes, and assorted fresh vegetables were purchased with the money, the remainder of which was given to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

On Thanksgiving Eve, the forty food baskets were filled and delivered to the needy families of various parishes by a group of Sodalists.

The Sodality will sponsor in the near future a student-faculty basketball game, the proceeds of which are to be contributed to the Xaverian Brothers' Bolivian Mission.

Alumni Game, Dec. 22

One of the highlights of the Christmas vacation will be the basketball game on December 22 between the Xaverian and the St. Michael's alumni. Admission to the game is one dollar. An Alumni Smoker will follow the game.

For the future, the Dance Committee has planned a "New Year's Yacht Party." The "Yacht Party" is a couples' dance scheduled for the evening of January 18. The school gym will be decorated to resemble the deck of a cruise ship, if the minimum number of 150 couples sign up for the dance. Tickets are now on sale and will also be available after the end of the Christmas holidays.

The Dance Committee is under the direction of its two chairmen, Larry Petrillo and Tony Loffredo.

The Social Committee is one of the departments of the Student Activities Council.



NEW FACULTY MEMBERS, Brothers Henry, Harold, and Scott, pose for the camera which missed them earlier in year.

LOCAL Enters Fifth Year; Messineo Is New Editor

Under the leadership of Bob Messineo, the editor, and Mr. Williams, the moderator, *The Local* has entered its fifth year. Along with assistant editor Tim Kirby, sports editor Vin Maligno, and copy editors Bob Kharouf, Bob Casamassina, Emil Colantuono, and Bob Murphy, the editor and moderator direct a staff of twenty reporters from their offices in room 16. The copy editors, all juniors, are being prepared to take over the leadership of the paper next year.

Although the first few issues were marred by mechanical difficulties in the office and the disorganization of the new staff, **The Local** is now printed on Tuesday to include all weekend news and to eliminate any work on Saturdays.

This year **The Local** staff has been experimenting with different ways of presenting the weekly newspaper. The staff has used three different styles: the one long sheet, the three-quarter size sheets, and the four page book form which is now the permanent form of the issues.

If current plans are carried out, the "College News," a column describing various colleges around the country, will be written twice a month; and a new column, "In My Opinion,"

featuring the various views of the student body, will be written twice a month.

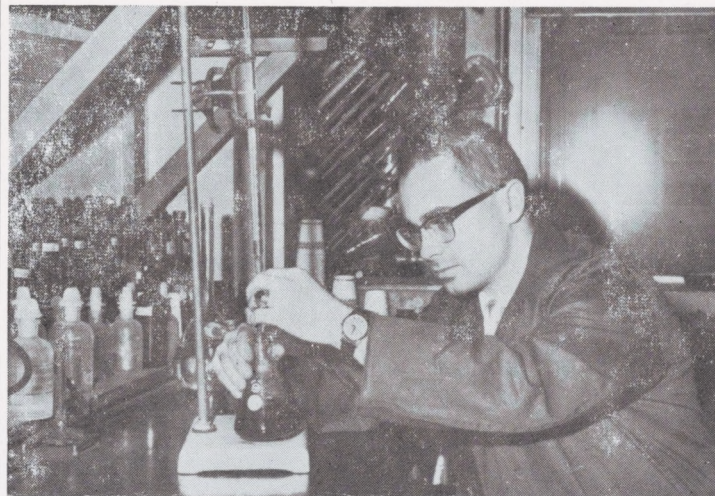
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS PLAY

On Friday evening, February 8, and Saturday evening, February 9, the Xaverian Dramatic Society will present its first production of the season, "Career Angel," a play in three acts by Gerald Majella Murray. The play concerns the imminent closing of a boys' home because of lack of funds. The help of an angel is obtained to locate a document that would stop the foreclosure. This comedy is under the direction of Mr. Anthony Coscia, moderator of the Society.

New Dramatic Society officers for the current season are Henry Nocella, president; Charles Hansen, vice-president; and Charles Hadlock, secretary.



"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS . . ." Bob Messino and the other LOCAL editors plan another edition.



BROWBEAT "MIGHTY MOLECULE"

by Frank Petruzzi and Larry Petrillo

One faculty member frequently found in the after-school haven for most juniors, the chemistry lab, is that teacher who comes in a small package, Mr. Thomas Milazzo. Molecule-minded students of the "Molar Mentor" come to the afternoon tea parties in the lab to seek the truth from him about the fun-filled reactions that stoichiometrically take place there. At these parties he serves them chocolate-flavored HCl syrup on pistachio H₂SO₄.

Mr. Milazzo is highly qualified to make these recipes. He has studied at St. Michael's Diocesan High School, St. John's University, and the University of Connecticut, the latter being the scene of his post-graduate work in chemistry. He also has enough credits to teach geometry, which he has done. His teaching career started at Levittown Memorial High School, and three years ago he came to Xaverian.

Likes Basketball

He likes basketball, and, in spite of lack of a giant frame, he is quite adept at it. He will probably never be able to dunk one from half-court, but he practices frequently in the gym when

everyone but the varsity has headed for the showers.

Many Hobbies

He states that next to driving his Mercedes, he enjoys taking apart students and hi-fi's. All kidding aside, though, judging from his record and popularity, Mr. Milazzo is proof-positive that good things **do** come in small packages.

Senior Tea Scheduled For Sunday, January 27

Senior mothers are invited to attend a tea sponsored by the Xaverian Circle, which will be held on Sunday, January 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A committee of junior mothers, under the direction of Mrs. Anthony Romano, will make the preparations.

During the course of the gathering, short speeches will be given by various members of the committee and faculty. Music will be supplied by Mr. Thomas Lowrey.

FRINGE BENEFITS

by David Castronovo

"Beyond the Fringe," a satirical revue which opened in London on May 10, 1961, arrived at the John Golden on the evening of October 27, 1962. The production's four players are definitely not in search of an author. They have written all the supremely witty material which they perform eight times weekly to the delight of American audiences. Alan Bennett, Peter Cook, Jonathan Miller, and Dudley Moore have literally made mince-meat out of such things as foreign affairs, talk programs, end of the world prophets, and the British Establishment. They are comic players and writers possessing style, subtlety, and originality.

Throughout the entire evening, we see the performers drolly probing the flaws and foibles of the English character. We are introduced to an assortment of insufferable snobs, ridiculous pedant-philosophers, marble-mouthed miners, and wooly for-

eign ministers. Students of Shakespeare will enjoy the sketch entitled "So That's The Way You Like It" in which the Bard's characters take a terrific ribbing. In between the verbal spoofing, Dudley Moore twists musical themes on the piano. In one scene he gives a classical rendition of "The Bridge Over The River Kwai."

In addition to being theatrical wizards, these four young men have excelled in the academic world. Peter Cook and Jonathan Miller are Cambridge men, while Alan Bennett and Dudley Moore are, as the English would say, "down from Oxford." Anglicized jazz and ludicrous hats are among the incidental devices that are used by the performers in their skits. However, it seems that performers who are capable of throwing an audience into unceasing hilarity for two hours are independent of everything but their timely, dependable, and irreverent wits.

THE GRACIOUS TIME

*Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.*

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

IMPRESSIONS ON A BRIDGE

by Bill Humphreys

As I pace toward the end of this thin concrete bridge, I somehow feel that I and all my fellow walkers will be swept away by the steady stream of cars underneath. As I stand at the end, my chest and head beyond the railing, I feel like a captain on a ship's bow. But my ship is static. And surely a ship can not have so many trees. Above me is a hot waning sun fashioned of Nature's richest stuffs. Ahead are

insular wooded hills; and with no visible motion on or around, they lie on the horizon's sill like a child's toy left and forgotten on a summer's day. The water, strewn with freighters and quiet bouys, is still, blue, bright, and electric. Below, the waves slowly beat just to keep the noon sweet. And there in the greater light, in the greater reality of the bright sun on the water, I am again!

SEATTLE, QUEEN CITY

by Joseph Kelly

The biggest news in the Pacific Northwest this year is Century 21, the Seattle World's Fair. This exposition has attracted millions of visitors to Seattle during the past summer; yet most of these visitors, including this writer, came away more impressed by the city than by the Fair. There are many reasons for this, but the most important are these three: water, mountains, and manners.

Water plays a leading role in the story of life in Seattle. The city is encompassed by Elliott Bay on the West and by Lake Union and Lake Washington on the East, and boating is the favorite sport. In fact, during the annual Seafair, this past summer, there were more people on the shores of Lake Washington watching the Gold Cup hydroplane races than there were at the World's Fair. There were also quite a few persons viewing the contests from the water, because 40% of the population own boats.

To the West of the city, across Elliott Bay, lie the Olympic Mountains. Throughout the

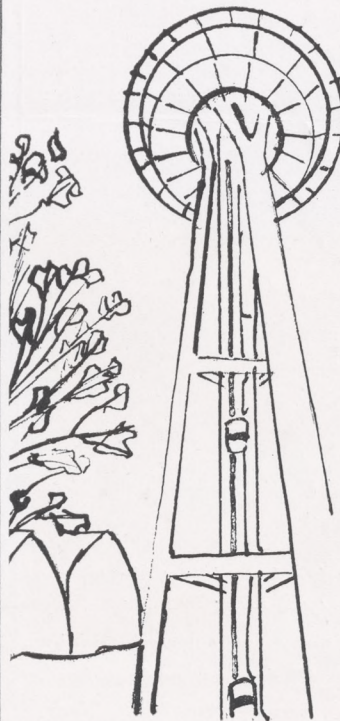
day they are veiled by a curtain of mist. At twilight the mist lifts, and the dying sunlight is reflected on the snowcapped peaks in a pink and ghostly luster. At the same time, towering Mt. Rainier, 75 miles to the Southeast, is making its daily farewell with the same splendor that marks the greeting of the Olympics. These terrestrial giants give Seattle a sky-line that is difficult to emulate in both the brilliance and magnitude; and, when seeing this for the first time, one finds hard to believe that he is in a city of 600,000, so conscious is he of Nature's beauty.

Seattle is the center of the Western Washington metropolitan area, and yet it is more of a town than a city. There is no problem of litter on the city streets, no loud honking of auto horns in traffic, and no such thing as a "concrete jungle." Seattlites are friendly people who do their best to get along with others. In Washington a knife fight is a headline story; here in New York a battle of blades rates six lines on page 78 of *The Daily News*. Easterners, especially New Yorkers, find Seattle manners hard to believe in a city so large; yet they are real. This city is truly beautiful.

Seattle has been called the "Queen City of the Northwest." Long live the Queen!

Brother John Speaks
On Vatican Council

A recent visitor to the school was Brother John Joseph, C.F.X., Assistant to the Superior General of the Xaverian Brothers. Brother John Joseph, who has spent the last decade in Rome, spoke to the student body about the Second Vatican Council. In his talks, Brother also stressed the need of the Church for vocations to keep up with the expanding population.



AN UNKNOWN LIGHT

by Kenneth Tomecki

Piercing through a dirty rain-splattered window pane, there appeared an image so familiar and so common that it could not be considered an every-day commodity. It was an item so common, it could, and was taken for granted. A mysterious light appeared — a light which held the interest and enthusiasm of those present. The light was reflected in rain droplets of the warm spring evening. Unlike any usual light, its glow penetrated our eyes, which were soon, inglowed with a tingling sensation of complete uneasiness. The more we observed this glowing figure, the larger it obtruded and imprinted itself on our minds. This was no ordinary light. It was a light imparting fear and awe into the mind of a human.

This peculiar occurrence didn't hesitate to arouse our sense of curiosity. Each organ of the body soon accustomed itself to the present circumstances. Our eyes searched the vicinity of the light and ears listened for any unusual sounds, while our arms and legs tightened in the event of any unexpected action.

After freeing ourselves from these unusual acts of fear, we now decided to search and discover the source of this odd glowing image. We donned our light rain apparel, and began our short tedious journey. Never realizing the mystery involving this clandestine light, we left our place of concealment and proceeded into the regions of darkness.

We soon embarked on the first stage of our search. The slightest movement imparted by our steps on the water-covered cement walks reminded us of the uncanny tranquility of our present state. To watch the puddles of rain gradually seep and sink into the moistened ground, reminded us of the strength of the supernatural. To see the droplets of rain splatter and casually glide down the creases of our

coats, showed how things, in general, come and go. We were thinking, and these were our thoughts.

As we silently approached our desired destination, we could see this glowing image flickering with the casual spring breezes. Silence, a haunted silence, completely draped this bright and eternal figure. Moving slowly and hesitantly, we pictured ourselves as entering into an unusual state of being. Whether we entered such a state was beyond our realization. But to see such unnatural qualities of an ordinary evening, we had to think twice before saying, "No."

Observing this strange light, we yielded to our curiosity and embarked on the final stage of our journey. Our heads spun with a sense of fear, while our hands shook with a sense of nervousness. We were then a few yards from our destination. As we slowly approached this glimmering image, it became dimmer and dimmer. Being within a few feet of this eerie light, we could then barely perceive the source of its energy. Cautiously transporting ourselves within reach of this configuration, we saw this strange and alien light fade and finally diminish into the realms of nothingness.



THE X-PRESS staff wishes the faculty, the students, and the friends of Xavier High School a very merry and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

EARLY MOVIE

BY DAVID CASTRONOVO

*Wearily taking in popcorn air,
Two features, and a newsreel,
My fellow sun dodgers, derelict and self-conscious,
Sit and pass half-hearted judgment
On grappling ad-men, stern army officers,
Wronged suspects, and madcap heiresses.*

*Nine rows in front of me,
Brandishing a cold drink and a candy bar,
A man decides on his seat,
Removes his car-coat and ivy league cap
As the judge silences the brazen witness,
And the defense attorney protests.
Luxuriously putting my legs up on the front seat,
My eyes take the long and quiet swim
To the red-lettered side exit sign.*

*Departing from the theater and lobby,
Amid rich sounds of box office intake,
I squint at the two-thirty daylight
While gazing at the Coming-Soon Posters,
The Guest Books, and the Grinning Movie Stars.*

CHRISTMAS IN THE CLOISTER

BY LARRY PETRILLO

*'Twas the night before Chistmas,
And all through the house;
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a brother???
Yes, all was calm
On floor number three
As our friars regarded
The gifts 'neath the tree.*

The presents included:

- A dozen punching bags for BRO. KYRIN;
 - An assistant for BRO. BRUCE;
 - A bowling alley for BRO. GEORGE;
 - A pen that writes backwards and upside-down for BRO. PATRICK;
 - Twenty-two point four liters of moles for BRO. BONAVENTURE, (Do th' see);
 - A submarine for BRO. FABIUS;
 - A tape of the Algerian army singing "O Vierge Benie" for BRO. BENIGNUS;
 - A real smile for BRO. BERNARD;
 - A walking set of abdominal muscles for MR. SAJECKI (to be delivered after Christmas);
 - A dozen toupees for various Brothers.
- A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!**

Intramurals . . .

Intramural Grid Champs Decided; 1J, 2G, 3H, 4G Survive Competition

The recent 1962 intramural football schedule came to an end with classes 1J, 2G, 3H, and 4G the respective winners.

The first round of freshman play was highlighted by many close games. By the score of 2-0, 1E nipped 1K; 1G edged 1F, 6-4; 1A won via forfeit over 1D; 1J defeated 1B, 6-0; and 1C took 1H, 1H being disqualified for having an ineligible player. Only two games were held in the second round. Class 1J walloped 1A by a large score of 20-0; and 1E took 1G, out-scoring them, 9-2. In the semi-final round 1J again won by a large score, tripping 1C by the whopping score of 34-0. This was class 1J's third consecutive shutout, having outscored their opponents, 60-0. In the final game, class 1E was pitted against the strong 1J. Unable to overcome their unbeatable opponents, 1E dropped the final, and 1J was crowned the frosh champ.

Martin Stars

Close contests also ruled in the opening round of the sophomore division. Class 2E beat 2C, 6-0; 2D won over 2J, 12-2; 2G defeated 2H, 2H having an ineligible player; and 2B squeaked past 2A, 2-0. In second round play, 2E again won by the score of 6-0, defeating 2D; and 2F beat 2B in a battle of field goals, 3-0. In the semi-final game, 2G defeated 2F, 6-0. The final round championship game was copped by 2G by a score of 12-0 over 2E. Individual stars for 2G were Phil Hajjar and Howard Martin, while Paul Frank, Jim Savold, and Tom Ward stood out for 2E.

The junior division games achieved an interesting distinction,

all games being won by shutouts. In the opening round, 3H blanked 3B, 6-0; 3F defeated 3J, 9-0; 3A white-washed 3G by a 6-0 score; and 3C took 3E, 12-0. In the second round competitions 3H stormed past 3F, 18-0; and 3D overcame 3C, 6-0. In the semi-final game, 3A defeated 3D, 6-0. However, 3H was too strong from 3A, and in the championship game, 3H won 14-0. Pete Valletti, Fran Del Monaco, Butch Guardino, and Joe Ormond all starred for 3H, while Harry Linser and Jim Nielsen stood out for 3A.

In games completed after our senior report, 4G nipped 4D in a hard fought contest, 13-12; 4E overcame 4C, 6-0, in the other game. In semi-final competition 4F won by a field goal over 4E, 3-0. Class 4G proved too powerful for 4F in the final game, however, and shut out the 4F team, 9-0. Outstanding players for the senior champs were Vince Taschetti, George Ronaldsen, and William Barbieri.



WHICH WAY. Mr. Abatemarco takes the hand-off from Mr. Milazzo as the Faculty All-Stars attempt to penetrate 3F defenses in a losing cause.

BOWLING BOXSCORE

by Guy La Vignera



— JUNIOR and SENIOR —

In first place in the junior-senior league are the Cut-Ups. League high average is held by Ray Cecora with a 175. Individual high two game series title is held by Robert Meli with a 416. Ray Cecora holds the individual high single game with a 256 score. John Papa and Ron Oliveri are secretaries for the league.

— SOPHOMORE —

The sophomore division is composed of two leagues, the American League and the National League. In the American League the Broncos are in first place.

The high average holder is Paul Jerro with a 153. In the National League the top team is the Browns. High average holder is Mike DiBattista with a 173. Secretaries for the leagues are Rich Bruzzi and Lon Assimi.

— FRESHMAN —

The freshmen keggers are divided into the American and National Leagues. In first place in the American League are the Senators. The Phillies are in first place in the National League. High average title goes to Mark Purcell with a 164 and high single game title goes to Robert Alva with a 223. The league secretary is Anthony Colantuono.

Yates Cancels Soccer Intramurals

During the past few weeks, plans were culminated for soccer intramurals. Unfortunately, the proposed schedule had to be cancelled. Jack Yates, intramural director, commented: "The intramurals in this school are de-

signed specifically for the enjoyment of the students after school. However, intramurals can't be run unless there is participation by the student body, and I do not mean by putting your name on a paper and not showing up. I sight the instance of the soccer intramurals. There were 150 students who said that they would participate. However, in two games, where 80 people would have played, only 13 people showed up. In the future if we get the same results for the other intramurals, they will then be dropped, as extra-curricular activities."

Intramural basketball will begin as soon as the Varsity season ends. It will consist of two rounds which will extend until the spring.

Clipper Comments . . .

Varsity Triumphs Twice Over Fort Hamilton

Open Team Is Fifth In Relay Competition

After its first five encounters of the season, the Varsity basketball team sports a 4-1 record. The pre-dominant feature of these contests has been the aggressive confidence of the Clippers. Their performance against Loughlin tonight should bear out the great student respect for this team.

In the first two home contests, St. Peter's, 49-38, and Fort Hamilton, 63-42, tasted defeat. A tight defense kept the score very close until the offense gained momentum late in the first half of both of these games. Ken Murphy exhibited some brilliant moves in making his "five on one" lay-ups, and Richie Crowe contributed some valuable scoring help.

The Clippers increased their margin of victory in the second game against Fort Hamilton winning by a 24 point margin, 84-40. Mike Daly's 20 points in this encounter is the current individual game high scoring contribution. The entire bench has gained precious playing experience during the second half.

In the Cathedral game at Madison Square Garden, an over-confident Varsity almost allowed a supposed "sure" victory turn into an embarrassing defeat. At one point in the second period, Cathedral had a 12 point lead. Unfortunately, student support didn't come into evidence until then. Student attendance at this game looked pretty poor in relation to what it could have been. The final score was 51-47.

The first defeat of the season came at the hands of Brooklyn Prep. 74-52. In this game the Clippers were beaten by a much taller team which had a phenomenal shooting percentage.

A schedule of eleven games remains in which we'll expect the consistent form the Varsity has exhibited thus far.

Keglers Tie League Lead; Simari Has High Average

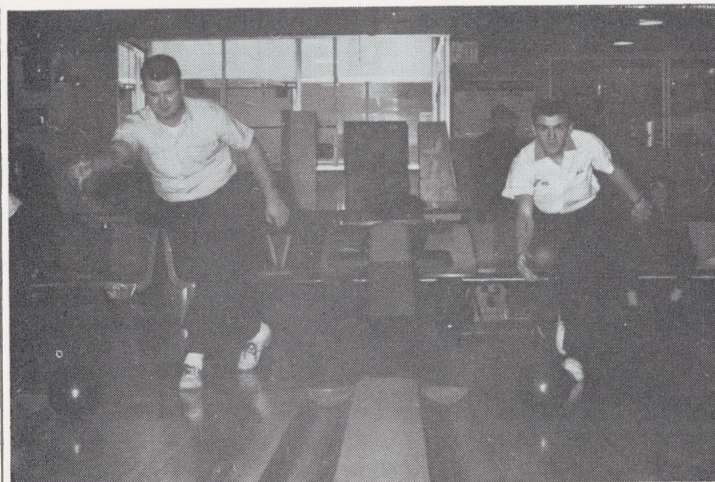
Varsity keglers are maintaining their standing as Xaverian's best interscholastic athletic competitors. Last year's Brooklyn champs have a 14-4 record and the high average of 168. Unfortunately, because of the stiff competition they are in a four way tie for first place. Captain Bob Simari leads the league with a 188 average and also owns the team's high trophy winning game of 238. Charlie Bechtold and Paul McManus have also won trophies for their scores of better than 225. Freddy John, Frank LaMonica, and Bob Taglianetti are the other members of the team.

The team rebounded from a rocky start in its initial matches to compile a six for six record

during the last two weeks. This resurgence led Brother August, team moderator, to comment, "I expect them to take the championship this year."

J. V. Keglers Tops

Once again it looks like the J. V. bowling team will be headed toward another rewarding season. The team is sparked by captain Rick Andretta (150), and Reynold Gaudio (168). Other members of the squad include Robert Glazewski (162), Frank Rossi (148), John Leddy (155), Roy Gerardi (144), and Vincent Vaccaro (147). Thus far they have posted 16 victories compared to 5 losses in gaining first place in the league.



TWIN KINGPINS. Varsity bowlers Charley Bechtold and Bob Simari practice for upcoming season.

jump team, composed of Don Pratt, Ed Broderick, and Harry Hanley, finished first and failed to break the meet record by only one inch. Co-captain Don Pratt jumped 6'3" while Ed Broderick, a sophomore, leaped to 5'5". An added boost was given to the team by Harry Hanley, a senior who has not jumped in two years, who jumped 5'9" and is soon expected to break six foot.

The open mile relay team, composed of Ed McLaughlin, Larry Sternfeld, Tom O'Brien, and Dave Cummings, turned in a third place finish with a fine clocking of 3:35.5. Co-captain Bob Fleming ran one of the better miles attained this year with a 4:32.0 time. The two mile relay team was timed at 8:25.0 and finished sixth. The team composed of Jim Hearn, Mike Scagnelli, Jim Greer, and Paul Feeney, will try to emulate their predecessors who were the seventh fastest in the nation.

Tumblers Rock, Roll

The Xaverian tumbling team, led by captain Jim May and co-captain Fred Shaver, will perform their varied stunts this year at the local hospitals, homes for children, the Alumni-Saint Michael's basketball game, St. John's University basketball game, and at Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Sajecki, the team's moderator, states that the stunts performed by the club are "geared for individual ability." The tumbler starts with the simple stunts and progresses to the more difficult ones.



DE THE BOLSHOI IN DE GARDEN. Shot putters (l. to r) Joe Galano, John Galileo, Rich Donovan, Bob Accettola, Bill Carroll, and Rich Bianco practice at Owl's Head Park.



DO-IT-YOURSELF DISPLAY. The tumbling team prepares for another season as they practice their routines in the gymnasium. Harry Heiles tops the pyramid.



Y. A. IN THE POCKET. Quarterback Richie Crowe evades Cathedral defenders during a Xavierian fast break at Madison Square Garden.



HOW HIGH IS UP? Don Pratt demonstrates form.

In the upcoming months he'll be in contention for many medals and titles.

JUNIOR VARSITY BEATS BROOKLYN PREP

This year's Junior Varsity under the direction of Brother Ward has had an indifferent season to date. In their first game, they took the measure of a taller St. Peter's by the score of 46-40. John Ryan with 12 points and Steve Gardell with 11 points were the high scorers. After the St. Peter's game, the J.V. ran into some tough luck playing against a much taller team from Fort Hamilton. They lost both games 63-44 and 53-48. One of the reasons for the double loss was the old fact that you must get the ball in order to score. John Ryan and Kevin Maloney were high point scorers in these two games.

In the first game of December, the team lost to Mater Christi, 46-39. John Ryan and Joe Remo each scored 12 points, while Steve Gardell garnered 9 points. On December 11, the Junior Varsity captured its first victory, a 48-40 triumph over Brooklyn Prep. John Ryan was again high scorer with 17 points, while Kevin Maloney and Tony Cavaliere each had 10 points.

Exhibiting plenty of determination, the Junior Varsity is bound to match the results of the Brooklyn Prep game in several of the games in its oncoming schedule.

FROSH TRACK TEAM

On Saturday, December 15, the frosh track team defeated St. Peter's, 68½ - 63½. Shot putter Bill Kealy was first in his specialty with a 44' 3" toss. The 880 yard relay team was also victorious with a good clocking of 1:57.5. Jim Notaro captured the 60 yard high hurdles title.

The 220 yard relay team and the 440 yard relay team outdistanced St. Peter's opponents in their races. Frank Stellaccio placed second in the mile with a fine time of 5:10.

Frosh Hoopsters Show Promise

Exhibiting a tight defense and a consistent offense, the freshman basketball team has been tabbed by its coach, Brother DeSales, as a possible city finalist. The team has already racked up victories over several perennial basketball powers in scrimmage games.

Lose To Lafayette

St. Joseph's was the first opponent to meet defeat, 55-29, as Bob Guardino and Louis Dot-

trina led the offense. In their next game the frosh were beaten by a more experienced Lafayette J.V., 49-36.

In scrimmages against two schools, Loughlin and LaSalle, whose present Varsity teams are city finalists, the frosh won by substantial margins. The first league opponent, St. Augustine, was beaten in a romp.

Nazareth Future Opponent

Nine games remain for Jim

Berg, Dave Naman, Tom Kearns, Bob Guardino, Louis Dottrina, and the other members of this fine, deep team. Nazareth, Ford, Trinity, and St. Francis are among the opponents yet to test the frosh.

BUT HE'S PUTTING OUT.

Dave Naman waits for the tap from Jim Berg in a scrimmage game against Bishop Loughlin.



SPORTSPOT

by John Sibley

Let's sink the Clipper ship — or hide it in some inconspicuous corner of the basement. We shouldn't settle for anything but the best, and good intentions didn't produce a representative mascot.

Two years ago our J.V. bowlers won the CHSAA championship. Unfortunately, this year's Varsity will not include two members of that team, Joe Micale and Ronny Monaco. Both turned "pro" during the summer and now bowl in money leagues. Ronny, however, will be team manager.

Anyone who hasn't yet seen the basketball team has missed the emergence of a real leader. Pat Murphy not only sets up the plays, but he also breaks up rallies by the opposition with his long set shots.

New sport recommended by Brother Kylin: paper plane walking on the gym roof. How about a "Garibaldi" to challenge the present titlist, the "Bismarck."

Alumni Notes: Our ex-boss, Danno Mack, was a member of the Lehigh frosh football team. Sandy Antonucci played for the Wagner frosh team.

Guy Gervasi is trying to fill Monk Monahan's Varsity basketball trunks, and Brother Harold looks like an NBA ref during scrimmage games. On February 11, a Friday, we'll have to pay to beat St. Peter's. The game is in our gym, but there's a 50c admission because it's their home game.

Brother Fabius has founded **The Cinder Man**, a mimeographed journal, for members of the track team.

Bob Marino almost scheduled a student-faculty basketball game this afternoon. Unfortunately, the athletic members of the faculty were "previously engaged." The game, for the benefit of the Bolivian missions, will be held at a later date.

Burns Sets A Two Mile Mark; Medley Relay Team Finishes Fifth

According to Brother Gavril, the Junoir Varsity track coach, his proteges are ready and eager to show their stuff in the coming meets. Brother feels that although his team doesn't have any outstanding members, several runners may blossom into stars before the season is over.

In the recent Catholic High School Relay Carnival, the novice distance medley relay team finished fifth. The team, which consisted of Esteban Lopez, Jim Santagata, Ron Rossani, and Tony Marquette turned in a good time of 8:52.6 for the distance.

Sophomore Jimmy Burns set a new school record for second year men, as he covered the two mile distance in 10:56.1. In the

midget quarter mile relay, Xavierian crossed the finish line fifth, with a clocking of 50.1, promising to improve as the season progresses.

The novice 880 team, whose members turned in a respectable 1:49.2 consisted of Don Bouchoux, Bill McNamara, Bill McCracken, and Tom Ludwinski. Don Bouchoux registered best team time, covering his leg in 26.3.

The team as a whole, although it didn't capture many medals, showed a great deal of promise. As the season progresses, their times will undoubtedly improve due to constant and devoted practice.



TRIPLE TEAMING. Ed Mizejeski, Vin Tuohy, and Joe Quigley round the far turn of our new track.